

4th OF JULY - ROCKETS BURSTING IN THE AIR

Every fourth of July, Americans celebrate with more fireworks than are used for any other national holiday in the world. They've been a part of our Independence Day revels since 1776.

We pay tribute to our country and founding fathers when we celebrate this national holiday with such fanfare. However, we need to be mindful of the inherent dangers with fireworks,

so that our tribute does not turn into a tragedy. Injuries associated with fireworks are usually

serious. Over half the injuries are burns, and many involve the head and face. Fifty percent of the victims are under 15 years of age. Many of these injuries are from illegal fireworks.

In Germany, fireworks are very strictly controlled. The purchase of fireworks is only possible prior to New Years. Purchaser has to be of a specific age (i.e. 14, 16 or 18 yrs) depending on the classification of the explosive. Fireworks for public display can only be carried out by experts, such as a pyrotechnicians. They have to put in a request to the local Office of Public Order, for approval and coordination prior to a fire work display. Local officials are the authorizing authority to approve the planned event. The exciting pyrotechnician/vendor, must strictly adhere to the safety requirements regulated by German law.

Fireworks and Pyrotechnics. Use and ignition of fireworks in places under the control of the USAG Ansbach is prohibited unless a written approval of the local Garrison Fire Protection Division is obtained.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

- Always Read and Follow Label Directions
- Have An Adult Present
- Ignite Outdoors
- Have Water Handy
- Never Experiment Or Attempt To Make Your Own Fireworks
- Light One At A Time
- Never Re-ignite Malfunctioning Fireworks
- Never Give To Small Children
- Never Throw Fireworks At Another Person
- Never Carry Fireworks In Your Pocket
- Never Shoot Them In Metal or Glass Containers
- Store in A Cool, Dry Place
- Dispose Of Properly